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Today Speaker Pelosi brought forth an energy bill. No one had seen it before then. It has some good things, some OK things and some bad things. I will vote against it because I believe the bad outweighed the good. But the point here is that we need an energy bill to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and petroleum in general. But this bill, although it will pass the House, will not pass the Senate and if it did, the President has said he would veto it.

Again there was an opportunity to accomplish a lot in this area in which there is agreement. I certainly wouldn't get all I wanted, but I would get some. The Speaker and the President would also get some but not all of what they wanted. There is clear common ground.

It seems that the Democrat House leadership is more interested in making political statements than accomplishing anything.

Maybe the Senate can fix the bill.